

REMARKS

Claims 38-69 are presented for examination. Claims 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. No change in scope is either intended or believed effected by the amendments made to at least Claims 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45. The changes made to Claims 38 and 39 are supported in the original specification, at least from, for example, page 12, line 25 to page 13, line 2, and at page 38, lines 14-16. New Claims 46-69 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 38, 39, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62 and 66 are in independent form.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that “strike through must be used to delete more than 5 consecutive characters”. Presumably, the changes presented to Claims 40, 41, 43, and 44 in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 6, 2005 were non-compliant because they used double brackets to delete more than five characters. Accordingly, the present Response correctly presents those changes using strike-through instead of double brackets.

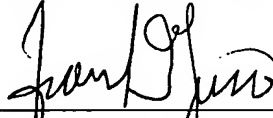
With regard to the substantive issues raised in the Office Action issued on June 6, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the Remarks section of the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 6, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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